

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS

Informal Meeting

September 22, 1954

9:00 A.M.

Council Chamber, City Hall

The meeting was called to order with Mayor McAden presiding.

Roll Call:

Present: Councilmen Long, Pearson, Thompson, White, Mayor McAden
Absent: None

Present also: W. E. Seaholm, City Manager; W. T. Williams, Jr., City Attorney; C. G. Levander, Director of Public Works; V. L. Mahoney, Planning Engineer.

Mayor McAden announced this was a meeting to interview three planning consultants for developing a Master Plan in Austin, the Capitol City and the territory immediately adjoining.

MESSRS. JOHN BROAD, BEN HIBBETTS, HUGO KUEHNE, MARTIN KERMACY and MRS. CHARLES MITCHELL from the Planning Commission and Master Plan Committee; MR. WILLIAM B. CARSSOW from the Zoning Board of Adjustment; MR. ARTHUR CHINNINGHAM, JR. and MR. TEMPLE MAYHALL representing the Austin Public Schools; MR. CHARLES BURTON and MR. BILL HARWELL representing the Chamber of Commerce; and MR. KARL KAMRATH representing the State Planning Commission were present.

MR. E. H. LOVELESS, - Bartholomew Associates of St. Louis, outlined the background of his firm and the method of procedure he would like to follow in preparing the Master Plan. MR. KAMRATH stated the State Planning Commission was created with the idea that the various state agencies involved would cooperate as needed, and he assumed men from the Highway Department and University and others could be furnished. MR. MAYHALL, Austin Public Schools, stated that the Schools had made a survey already, covering a period up to 1960, and had invested heavily in this. There was quite a bit of material that would be helpful that they would offer as their part of participation in the plan. MR. KERMACY announced his committee was working on some specifications to suggest--the scope to be covered in this Master Plan, that he would have ready to submit very shortly. MR. LOVELESS was asked to give definite information on the amount of time and the price in October. Mr. Kermacy was to furnish him with the results of his Committee's study on what it thought would be the scope of the Master Plan.

MR. S. HERBERT HARE, HARE & HARE of Kansas City, listed the activities of his firm as consultants and as having completed master plans. He was to furnish the Council with the personnel and experience record of his firm. He had not had much opportunity to study what was already available in the Plan Commission, but he went over the method of procedure he would like to follow. After he is furnished a copy of Mr. Kernacy's report on the material and information on hand in the Planning Department, Mr. Hare was to send in his estimate of preparing the Master Plan.

MR. LAWRENCE V. SHERIDAN, Metropolitan Planners, Inc., gave a history of his firm, outlining the experience it had had in city planning. Councilman Thompson suggested that in this plan that a study be made of attracting industry to Austin. He also suggested that when Mr. Kernacy completed his specifications for this Master Plan that the Council, State Planning Commission, City Plan Commission, School Board and all other interested parties come to a meeting and hear what this Committee has conceived to be the needs for getting a Master Plan. The Mayor called a meeting to hear this Committee's report at 7:30, October 5th, for all interested parties to attend. Councilman Thompson suggested besides those he mentioned, the University, Chamber of Commerce, County, Real Estate Board and representatives of other agencies interested.

APPROVED:


Mayor

ATTEST:


City Clerk